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SUBJ: EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES FOR CHANCERY

REF: DAMASCUS 947

1. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE STORE SUFFICIENT FOOD IN THE CHANCERY TO SUSTAIN TWENTY (20) PERSONS FOR 15 DAYS PROVIDING THREE (3) SOMEWHAT NUTRITIOUS AND VARIED MEALS. THE SUPPLY WOULD INCLUDE CASES OF SOUPS, SPAGETTE AND MEATBALLS, BEEF STEW, PORK AND BEANS, SPAM, TUNA FISH, CANNED FRUITS AND CANNED SOFT DRINKS.

2. ONE MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF WHO WAS AMONGST THOSE BESIEGED IN THE EMBASSY IN AMMAN DURING THE JORDANIAN/ PALESTINIAN CONFRONTATION A FEW YEARS AGO CAN STILL REMEMBER THE HUNGER PAINS HE EXPERIENCED AT THAT TIME.

3. THE EMBASSY COMMISSARY IN BEIRUT HAS INDICATED THAT IT CAN MEET THE MAJOR PART OF OUR NEEDS IMMEDIATELY. THE COST WILL BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS 950. FOR ALL THE SUPPLIES.

ACTION REQUESTED

4. THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE DOLS 950 IN ORDER THAT THE EMBASSY MAY PURCHASE THESE URGENTLY NEEDED E & E SUPPLIES.

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